

1. The replies filed on 5/11/07 and 12/26/07 are not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant has not elected a **listed species** as set forth in the office action mailed 5/11/07. Applicant must elect one of the following species:

Species "a", original figures 1-7, or

Species "b", original figures 8-13.

Applicant has submitted new figures 1-10 that appear to be only directed to species "b". Consequently, claims remain that do not read on any species of the instant application since species "a" was eliminated from the drawings.

It appears that applicant has elected original figures 8-13 since applicant indicated that claims 24-39, 43-45 and 47 are readable thereon. Consequently, claims 40-42 and 46 read on a now undisclosed embodiment and must be canceled. Additionally, the specification (e.g., page 8) contains subject matter directed to the canceled drawings. The specification must be amended such that it is directed solely to the remaining embodiment.

Applicant must also submit a listing of claims including proper status identifiers (e.g., withdrawn, canceled) for claims 40-42 and 46. See 37 CFR 1.121.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. A substitute specification including the claims is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because the number or nature of the amendments of the application papers renders it difficult to consider the application, or to arrange the papers for printing or copying. The substitute specification must delete reference to the now canceled drawings.

A substitute specification must not contain new matter. The substitute specification must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) and a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. Meislin whose telephone number is 571 272-4487. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571 272 4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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